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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES.....House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX.....chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 1263

An Act To Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and Adjust the Sales Tax Relating to Snowmobiles and Trail-grooming Equipment

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-533 S-356 HILL

This bill makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It increases the resident snowmobile registration fee from \$40 to \$60.
2. It increases the nonresident seasonal snowmobile registration fee from \$88 to \$108.
3. It provides that a person who buys an annual registration for that person's snowmobile before January 1st of each year receives a \$10 deduction in the registration fee.
4. It increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50.
5. It directs that all revenue raised from registration increases proposed in this bill be deposited in the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands, Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office.
6. It creates a 7-day nonresident snowmobile registration with a fee of \$75.
7. It removes the 5% sales tax on diesel fuel used in off-road trail-grooming equipment.
8. It removes the sales tax on the purchase of trail-grooming equipment and parts.
9. It provides that the sales tax on the purchase of snowmobiles be transferred to the Snowmobile Trail Fund.
10. It creates a snowmobile vanity license plate with a portion of the revenue going into the Snowmobile Trail Fund.
11. It repeals the language that provided the municipality where the owner of trail-grooming equipment or a snowmobile resides with 26% of the trail-grooming equipment or snowmobile registration fee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-533)

This amendment, which is the majority report, makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It increases the resident snowmobile registration fee from \$40 to \$45 and allocates the additional \$5 to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.
2. The bill increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50 and the amendment increases the seasonal nonresident registration from \$88 to \$110 and allocates the additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

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3. The bill removes the 26% of the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee that is distributed to municipalities and the amendment restores it.
4. It strikes the provisions of the bill that modify the sales tax exemptions related to the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.
5. It amends the law governing the special fuel tax to make it clear that fuel qualifying for a refund under that law does not lose the sales tax exemption created in the bill for diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.
6. It strikes the provision in the bill that creates a snowmobile vanity license plate.
7. It strikes the provision that the sales tax on snowmobiles be transmitted to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-534)

This amendment, which is the minority report, makes the following changes related to snowmobile registration and sales tax on snowmobiles and trail-grooming equipment.

1. It maintains the resident snowmobile registration fee of \$40.
2. The bill increases the 3-day nonresident snowmobile registration fee from \$43 to \$50 and the amendment increases the seasonal nonresident registration from \$88 to \$110 and allocates the additional revenue to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.
3. The bill removes the 26% of the snowmobile and trail-grooming equipment registration fee that is distributed to municipalities and the amendment restores it.
4. It strikes the provisions of the bill that modify the sales tax exemptions related to the purchase of trail-grooming equipment.
5. It amends the law governing the special fuel tax to make it clear that fuel qualifying for a refund under that law does not lose the sales tax exemption created in the bill for diesel fuel used in snowmobile trail-grooming machinery.
6. It strikes the provision in the bill that creates a snowmobile vanity license plate.
7. It strikes the provision that the sales tax on snowmobiles be transmitted to the Snowmobile Trail Fund of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-356)

This amendment transfers funds from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Off-road Recreational Vehicles Program, Snowmobile Trail Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset the loss in revenue from exempting diesel fuel used for grooming snowmobile trails from the sales tax in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).